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OF
THE DWIGHT W. BLAKESLEE
MEMORIAL TRAINING SCHOOL



A National School of the Woman's Home Missionary Society
of the Methodist Episcopal Church

TRAINING FOR CHRISTIAN WORK

574-576 GEORGE STREET
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

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THE DOWDITCH VALLEY RESERVE

MEMORIAL TOWN SCHOOL

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AUGUST 1, 1924 to AUGUST 1, 1925



ADMINISTRATIVE

The Department of National Training Schools of the Woman's
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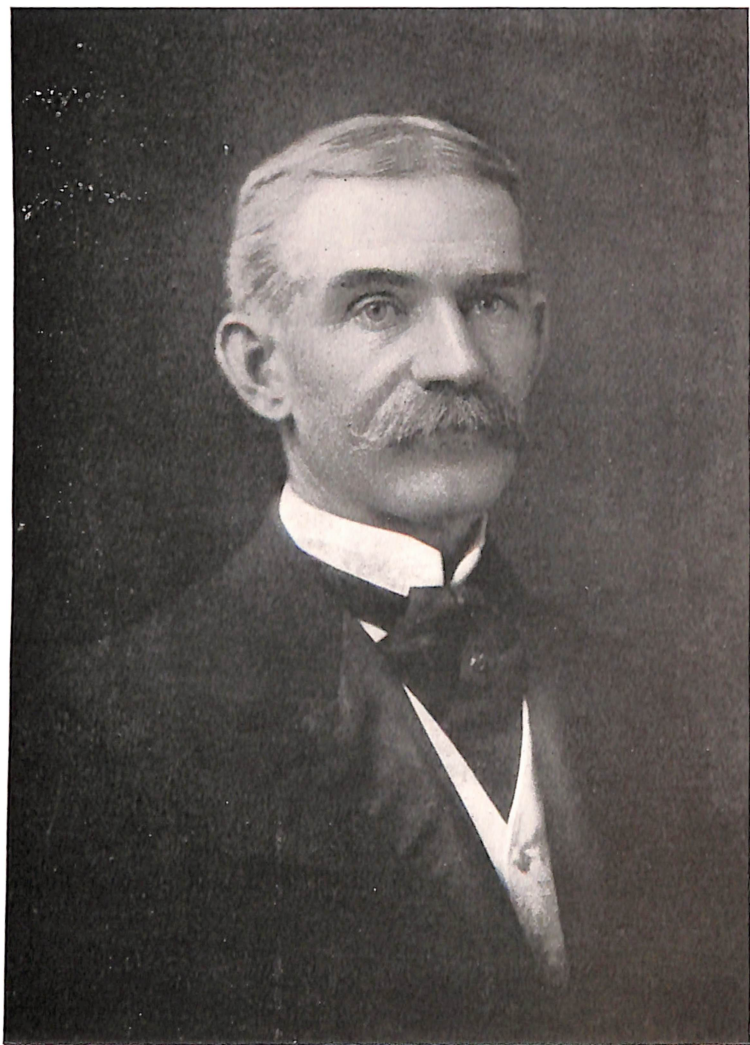
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President of the School,
REV. CHARLES ELMORE BARTO, D.D.

576 George Street
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

In Memoriam



Dwight W. Blakeslee

HISTORICAL

IN the beautiful city of New Haven, Connecticut, and within easy walking distance of the schools of Yale University, is the Dwight W. Blakeslee Training School, easternmost of the training schools of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Started in 1906 as a school for training deaconesses, it has furnished to the churches many faithful workers. In time the scope of the work broadened and young women were received who were not candidates for the deaconess order but desired training for various departments of church and social settlement work.

In 1918 the Board of Managers voted to establish a training course for college graduates and to incorporate, as the major requirement, graduate study in Yale University leading to the degree of Master of Arts.

In 1920 the building adjoining the one occupied for so many years was purchased, thus doubling the capacity of the school for carrying on its work.

In 1921 the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church received the school into its family of National Training Schools, thus insuring the permanence of its operation and the maintenance of the high standards of its intellectual and spiritual training.

For young women who are college graduates and seek further training for leadership in the work of the church and at the same time to secure a Master of Arts degree at Yale University an opportunity is offered. An increasing number of graduate students are availing themselves of this opportunity. In the year 1924-25, five graduates of colleges were registered; and for 1925-26, nine graduates with the B. A. degree, representing seven colleges are enrolled. We are moving surely onward, and the signs are favorable for a still larger enrollment for next year. A limited number of high school graduates may still be admitted. These students have one year of study in classes in our own school building and two years in the classes of the Yale Divinity School taking courses under the faculty of that school with practice work in settlements and churches.

The school will complete twenty years of useful service in June, 1926. The world has been blessed by the work of its graduates and former students who did not graduate, a large number of whom may be found serving their generation in various fields of Christian activity.

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Carl A. Mears

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Miss Caroline Carpenter
Miss Harriet M. Russell

Miss Elsie F. Stowe
Miss Dorothy Wheals

STUDENTS

1924 - 1925

GRADUATE DEPARTMENT—

Seniors—

Nona C. Stimmel, B.A., (Ohio State University)

Juniors—

Ethal C. Payne, B.A., (Baker University)

Mabel A. Niedermeyer, B.A., (Illinois Wesleyan Univ.)

Florence Glidewell Heitsman, B.A., (Ohio Wesleyan Univ.)

Charlotte M. Farrell B.A., (Hamline University)

UNDERGRADUATE DEPARTMENT—

Senior—

Gladys M. Spafford, Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Special—

Margaret L. Griffith, Bridgeport, Conn.

Frances Swain Sadler, Richmond, Va.

APPOINTMENTS OF DEACONESSSES AND STUDENTS

1924 - 1925

CHURCHES IN NEW HAVEN

East Pearl
First Methodist
Howard Avenue
Trinity
West Haven
Wesley House
Dixwell Ave. Community House

Ethal C. Payne
Caroline Carpenter
Gladys M. Spafford
Florence G. Heitsman
Mabel A. Niedermeyer
Nona C. Stimmel
Charlotte M. Farrell

BRIDGEPORT

First Methodist Church
Field Secretary W. C. T. U.

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SANDY HOOK

Mapleton

Elsie F. Stowe

NEW BRITAIN

Trinity

Gladys Shaler

BALTIMORE

Deaconess Home

Dorothy Richardson

STUDENTS

1925 - 1926

GRADUATE DEPARTMENT—

Seniors—

Ethal C. Payne, B.A., (Baker Univ.) Baldwin, Kansas.
Mabel A. Niedermeyer, B.A., (Illinois Wesleyan Univ.)
Bloomington, Ill.
Florence Glidewell Heitsman, B.A., (Ohio Wesleyan Univ.)
Oxford, Ohio.

Juniors—

Agnes L. Archer, B.A., (Ohio Wesleyan Univ.) Peoria, Ill.
Ruth E. Irwin, B.A., (Smith College) Cataumet, Mass.
Elsie M. Jeffers, B. A., (Missouri Wesleyan Univ.)
Cameron, Mo.
May Muenzenmeyer, B.A., (Baker Univ.) Baldwin, Kansas.
Lillian G. Williams, B.A., (Col. of Industrial Arts, Texas.)
Fort Worth, Texas.
Helen G. Yeager, B.A., (Mt. Union College) Blawnox, Pa.

UNDERGRADUATE DEPARTMENT—

Junior—

Margaret W. Adams, Wethersfield, Conn

Special—

Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons, Dover, N. C.
Miss Lottie Simmons, Dover, N. C.

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1925 - 1926

CHURCHES IN NEW HAVEN

East Pearl
First Methodist

Grace M. E.
Trinity M. E.

Church of the Redeemer
Summerfield M. E.

Ethal C. Payne
Caroline Carpenter
Ruth Irwin
Helen G. Yeager
Florence Heitzman
Elsie Jeffers
Lillian G. Williams
Margaret W. Adams

SETTLEMENTS IN NEW HAVEN

Dixwell Avenue Community House
City Mission

Mabel A. Niedermeyer
Agnes L. Archer
May Muenzenmeyer

SANDY HOOK

Mapleton

Elsie F. Stowe

BRIDGEPORT

First Methodist Church
Field Secretary W. C. T. U.

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Dorothy Wheale

ANNUAL EXPENSE OF STUDENTS

Board and room, including heat, light and tuition,	\$ 175.00 300.00
Students not planning to work for the W. H. M. S.,	200.00 300.00
Students not training for Church or Missionary Work (no domestic work required)	350.00
Registration Fee for students not boarding in the School,	25.00
Laundry for year (seven pieces per week)	15.00
Text books, approximately,	15.00
Annual tuition, Graduate School, Yale University,	200.00

THE EMILY A. BENNETT LEGACY AND MAPLETON



As reported by our treasurer, Mr. Arthur E. Rutledge, the final step in settling up the estate of Mrs. Emily A. Bennett seems to have been reached, as a result of which we are now in possession and have the sole title to the two pieces of property in Sandy Hook valued at \$3,000 also 14 shares of Westinghouse Electric 7% cumulative Preferred stock together with 55 shares of Westinghouse Common. All of this stock has a par value of \$50.00 per share making a total of \$3,450.00. The market value, however, is \$73.50 per share on Common or a total of \$4,042.50 and \$83.00 for Preferred, a total of \$1,162.00, making \$5,204.50 the present market value of the dividend paying stock. The annual income from this stock on the present basis is \$49.00 from the Preferred and \$220.00 from the Common, or a total of \$269.00. In addition to this the sum of \$554.24 was received out of which certain charges against the estate have been paid. Mrs. Bennett in her will indicated the purpose to which the income is to be applied, viz: the promotion of deaconess work. This would mean keeping the property in suitable repair and the carrying on of such christian activities as come under the general term, "deaconess work". "She being dead yet speaketh".

New Haven, Trinity M. E. Church,	22.35
South Norwalk, First M. E. Church,	7.00
Watertown, M. E. Church,	15.68
Westchester, N. Y., M. E. Church,	5.00
Winsted, M. E. Church,	15.00
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	\$ 199.77

OPEN HOUSE DAY

- June 4, 1925

West Haven, W. H. M. S.,	\$ 5.00
West Haven M. E. Church,	14.00
Grace M. E. Church,	5.00
New Haven Union W. H. M. S.,	10.00
Summerfield, Ladies Aid,	5.00
First M. E. Church, Women's Guild,	10.00
First M. E. Church,	2.00
East Pearl Street M. E. Church,	15.00
Epworth M. E. Church,	5.25
Howard Avenue M. E. Church,	5.00
Mrs. F. R. Carman,	2.00
St. Andrew's M. E. Church,	5.00
Trinity M. E. Church,	20.50
Miscellaneous,65
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	\$ 104.40

TREASURER'S REPORT

Arthur E. Rutledge, Treasurer.

August 1st, 1924 to August 1st, 1925

Cash Receipts Available For Paying Current Expense

I. Moneys Which Institution Collected Without Assistance From National Treasury (Self Help)

Tuition and Board received from Students and	
Guests,	\$1,414.20
From Sale of School Supplies,	1.50
Direct money gifts to pay current expense,	2,508.97
Miscellaneous,	47.50
From Mapleton,	1,289.00
Telephone Tolls,	16.43
For Wesley House,	138.50
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	\$ 5,416.10

II. Moneys Received From National Treasurer, W. H. M. S.

From Conditional Appropriation for Current	
Expense,	\$5,469.03

III. Money received as Special Gift.

Esther Alling Legacy,	500.00
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Total Cash Receipts,.....	\$11,385.13
Cash on hand, August 1, 1924,	417.29
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Total,	\$11,802.42
Disbursements August 1, 1924 to August 1, 1925,	\$10,963.58
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Balance on hand August 1, 1925,	\$ 838.84

CASH PAID OUT FOR CURRENT EXPENSE

Paid on Permanent Deaconess Fund,	\$ 10.00
Wages,	982.45
Provisions, Ice, etc.,	1,861.09
Laundry,	336.72
Light,	74.57
Fuel,	458.11
Water,	41.50
Repairs,	345.65
Furnishings,	434.15
House Supplies,	52.23
Library Supplies,	31.18
Office Supplies,	18.52
Printing,	239.53
Postage,	36.16
Telephone and Telegraph Expense,	99.76
Freight, Cartage and Express,70
Interest on money borrowed for current expense and mortgage,	538.58
Tuitions at Yale University,	1,000.00
Mapleton,	732.47
Wesley House,	163.50
Insurance,	13.30
Travel,	259.84
Miscellaneous,	65.57
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Total,	\$7,795.58

Cash Paid Out For Additions to Property And To Reduce Debt.

Heating Plant,	\$2,568.00
Paid on Mortgage,	600.00
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Total,	\$ 3,168.00

SUMMARIES

Summary Of Cash For The Year.

Balance of Cash on Hand and in Banks, beginning of year,	\$ 417.29
Add:	
(a) Total Cash Receipts,	11,385.13
Deduct:	
(a) Total Cash Paid Out,	10,963.58
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Balance of Cash on Hand and in Banks, end of year, ..	\$ 838.84

Summary Of Assets And Liabilities At End Of Year

1. What the Institution owns:	
Cash—For Current Expense,	\$ 838.84
Cash—Due from Churches,	110.00
Investments held at Mapleton,	3,571.13
Property:	
Building,	20,000.00
Equipment,	6,068.00
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Total Assets,	\$30,578.31
2. What the Institution owes:	
Mortgages Payable,	\$ 8,000.00
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Total Liabilities,	\$ 8,000.00

VARIOUS DONATIONS.

August 1, 1924—August 1, 1925.

Mrs. D. W. Blakeslee, vegetables, fruit, flowers, services of man, caring for property; Mrs. J. W. Potter, canned fruit and jellies; Whatsoever Circle, King's Daughters, South Park M. E. Church, Hartford, 1 barrel canned fruit. W. H. M. S., First M. E. Church, Meriden, canned fruits, jellies, vegetables, and cash \$2.00;

Bristol M. E. Church, W. H. M. S., barrels and boxes canned goods; W. H. M. S., Trinity M. E. Church, New Britain, barrel fruits, jellies; W. H. M. S., First M. E. Church, Hartford, two boxes assorted canned goods and groceries; W. H. M. S., Mystic, twenty-three baby dolls for Wesley House Christmas; Queen Esther Circle, Washington Park M. E. Church, Bridgeport, one box of toys for Wesley House; W. H. M. S., South Park, Hartford, one quilt and groceries; W. H. M. S., Milford, one box fruits and vegetables, W. H. M. S., Adrian, Michigan, ten holders.

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

Unexcelled opportunities are opening up to the church for real constructive service in the world, and to women in every field of labor. It is essential, therefore, that such a school where training for vocational work for women in the church can be secured should be promoted in every way possible.

Larger equipment and a more adequate income is necessary if this school is to fulfill its mission in training workers.

The investment of money in higher religious education for women will bring large interest in service to the world.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I hereby give, bequeath and devise to the Dwight W. Blakeslee Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School of the Methodist Episcopal Church in New Haven, Connecticut, incorporated, created, organized and existing under and by virtue of the State of Connecticut, with its headquarters in New Haven, Conn., the sum of
